

# WINGSPREAD

## Honoring Old Glory



Airman 1st Class Tyler Trovato (left), Senior Airman Donald Smith (center) and Airman 1st Class Matthew Gibson, Air Education and Training Command Computer Systems Squadron, perform a reveille ceremony May 25 in front of the Airman Leadership School. More than 100 Airmen and civilians from the AETC/CSS attended the ceremony. (Photo by Steve White)



Barbara Wrinkle



Lester Coalson

## Air Force Services awards announced

By Armando Perez  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Randolph Enlisted Club was named best in the Air Force and two Randolph civilians were honored with Air Force-level recognition when the 2005 services awards were announced May 24.

Air Education and Training Command’s Lester Coalson was awarded the General Michael P.C. Carns Award and Barbara Wrinkle of Air Force Services Agency was awarded the Lieutenant General Norm Lezy Award.

The Randolph Enlisted Club last held the title of best in the Air Force in 2003 and has been named the best club in AETC for four years now.

The club has conducted membership drives that exceeded expectations and offered free shuttle service during lunch hours when the main gate was under repair.

“We were elated about being named best enlisted club in the Air Force,” said Marilyn Gove, Randolph Enlisted Club manager. “It was nice to see that with base enlisted strength going down and base housing vacated our sales still went up. The increase in club membership, staff teamwork and programs we were able to offer kept us competitive despite the decrease in the enlisted force.”

The club also renegotiated contracts for entertainment and

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## Single call process available for urgent care while traveling

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

The base clinic now offers a single call process for enrollees to receive urgent medical care while traveling.

The Randolph Clinic, along with the San Antonio Multi-Service Market, Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Medical Center, collaborated to make the new program a reality.

“If you are enrolled to a military treatment facility within the San Antonio area, and are traveling outside the San Antonio area within the United States, Alaska or Hawaii, you can use the new single call process,” said Capt. Victoria Elliott,

12th Medical Group.

During normal duty hours, Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., patients can call 1-800-443-2262, select option #1 and then option #4. An agent will then verify the patient’s eligibility and travel status. Once the agent has confirmed the patient’s status, he or she is connected to the San Antonio Patient Assistance Line, an advice line designed to allow patients to speak to a registered nurse about the symptoms they are experiencing.

Patients will either be connected to a nurse immediately, or their telephone number will be given to a nurse, who will call them within 30 minutes. This depends on the situation and

symptoms the patient is experiencing, said 12th Medical Group officials.

“The nurse will decide what steps to take based on several questions the patient is asked,” Captain Elliott said. “They can decide whether their symptoms can be treated with home care or if they need to seek medical attention.”

After normal duty hours, patients can call 1-800-443-2262 and select option #5. The steps are the same as during normal duty hours.

Patients traveling overseas should contact their TRICARE service center to find out about their options for health care.

For more information on the process, call Captain Elliott at 652-6075.

12th Flying Training Wing Training Status												
Pilot Instructor Training <div>As of Monday</div>			Navigator, EWO Students				Wing Flying Hour Program					
			562nd FTS		563rd FTS			Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual	
Squadron	Seniors	Overall	CSO/NFO		CSO		Graduate EWO	T-1A	7060.5	7153.6	10,725	
99th FTS	0.6	0.5	USAF	242	OPS	49	International	11	T-6A	11262.0	11437.3	17,196
558th FTS	-3.3	-0.5	Navy	34	Advanced EW	23	EWC Course	0	T-37B	3612.0	3754.1	5,796
559th FTS	-0.7	1.1	International	8	Integration	0	Intro to EW	0	T-38C	6376.8	6463.4	9,937
560th FTS	3.6	0.4	Total in Training	284		72		11	T-43	2523.0	2487.7	3,982
Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.			Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of combat systems officer students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.					The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2005 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2006.				

### AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

As of Monday, 126 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.



# Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or e-mail  
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While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better. In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark  
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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## Operation Safe Summer

101 Critical Days of Summer

### "Zero Fatalities"

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2004, 46 percent of all traffic fatalities in Texas were alcohol related. DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

(Courtesy of the 12th Flying Training Wing safety office.)

## DUI UPDATE

Team Randolph's last DUI was March 18, 2006

# 'I've always got time for you'

## Encounter with Bob Hope provides lifelong lesson

By William Scott Hubbartt-Backus  
Retired chief master sergeant

About a decade ago, I arrived late for the weekly first sergeant council meeting hosted by our senior enlisted advisor, a grisly, no-nonsense former cop.

I felt his focused stare as I took my seat in the middle of his weekly issues update. Once the meeting wound down, the chief asked me to stay behind. I knew he was unhappy. After giving me his spiel on punctuality and meeting etiquette, he asked if I had anything to say.

Well, I've never been one to sugar-coat anything and figured I was already off his Christmas list.

"Chief," I said, "whenever a troop knocks on my door and asks me, 'Shirt, ya got a minute?' My answer will always be, 'Yeah, come on in. I've always got time for you.'"

Then I added, "That's what happened this morning. Right before the meeting, a troop stopped by my office with a distressed look on his face and I knew he needed to talk."

It turned out he was having serious marital and financial problems and when I asked him if he was thinking of suicide he became silent.

"Chief," I explained, "he immediately ratcheted up on my priority list. I just dropped him off at the chaplain's office

and I need to follow up right after this meeting."

The chief stared at me for several seconds to let what I had said sink in. After a moment he replied, "Good call."

Being late to that meeting wasn't a hard call for me to make. In the 14 years I served as a first sergeant, "I always have time for you" was one of my most effective lines. It often opened the door to countless impromptu counseling and mentoring sessions in hallways, on the flight line, in break rooms and chow halls.

I'd like to say I came up with this philosophy all by myself, but I didn't. I learned it from the best.

On Christmas Day 1990, our air base in Saudi Arabia, not far from the Iraqi border, was to be honored with a visit by the legendary Bob Hope and his traditional Christmas show for the troops serving in harm's way. From the South Pacific, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon and even Southwest Asia, Mr. Hope had built his reputation as a generous, caring and patriotic entertainer who effectively put politics and even his own personal safety aside to visit front-line troops to entertain them.

That day several of the senior NCOs in our small unit, including myself, volunteered to cover flight line operations to allow the junior troops to attend the show. I would have loved to have seen it, but somehow this seemed more important.

Mr. Hope's specially painted and equipped C-141 was one of the planes we were charged to prepare for departure. He was scheduled to leave immediately after his show for another in-theater location to entertain other troops.

When his departure time approached I hoped to catch a glimpse of the entertainer. His entourage arrived as I was climbing out from under the wheel well with the aircraft's flight engineer. Mr. Hope and his wife, Delores, were working their way through the troops and some press members who gathered at the aircraft to see him off.

The 87-year-old living legend made his way to the aircraft and began up the stairs only a few feet from me. Seeing him sign several autographs, I frantically searched my pockets for a scrap of paper.

All I could find was a single note of Saudi currency and without thinking I shouted out, "Mr. Hope! Can I have an autograph?"

By then he was on the top of the boarding ladder looking tired and aged. His watchful wife shook her head and said, "No. Bob's very tired, and we have to be going."

To that, before my disappointment could even register, Bob Hope answered in a loud and cheerful voice, "Sure! I've always got time for you! That's why I'm here."

He came back down the ladder and approached me shaking my hand and took the note and signed it. Then to my surprise he put his arm over my shoulder and led me



Bob Hope waves to U.S. military members serving in Saudi Arabia from a C-141 on Christmas Day 1990. (Photos by retired Chief Master Sgt. William Scott Hubbartt-Backus)

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## Congratulations Retirees

### Today

Senior Master Sgt. Martin Culver  
Air Education and Training Command

### Tuesday

Col. Howard Borst  
554th Electronic Systems Group

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# Leaders must prepare for future force now

By Maj. Sam Grable  
12th Comptroller Squadron commander

The late Gen. Bill Creech, a distinguished Airman and author, is oft-quoted as saying the most important role of leaders is to develop their replacements. His advice has proven true in times of war and peace and is particularly apropos during the period of resource reductions in which we now find ourselves. By now, most readers are probably familiar with the broad tenets of Program Budget Decision 720, titled Air Force Transformation Flight Plan. From what I have read, the Air Force is using manpower reductions as a means to offset the high cost of technology that's needed to ensure air and space dominance. To do so, we will streamline into more agile forces better postured to support combatant commanders, centralize or regionalize where it makes sense, and drive efficiency by borrowing from industry the notion of LEAN processes. Now, more than ever, leaders must think and act responsibly to prepare our future. Let me offer a few simple ideas. First, we need to take workforce development seriously. In times of scarcity, training budgets are often the first to fall. Fewer people in our future



mean that we will have a smaller population from which to develop our replacements. Therefore, we must deliberately protect or grow per-capita funding devoted to workforce development so that future leaders are prepared for future challenges. Second, leaders must wisely spend what I term their "credibility capital." A leader's credibility is the currency that ensures his best subordinates are prepared, postured and pushed for future leadership opportunities. This credibility is earned over time through a leader's actions and decisions, as well as his unit's mission effectiveness. The best leaders will spend their credibility to ensure the top Airmen and civilians – our replacements – receive the highest stratification, awards, and job opportunities.

Finally, and probably most thorny, leaders at all levels must help make the right personnel cuts and stave off the wrong ones. During the recent officer force shaping board, senior raters across the Air Force had the unenviable task of rank-ordering their 2002 year-group lieutenants. A significant percentage of these high-caliber lieutenants were then asked to leave the Air Force. Having spoken with several senior leaders it is clear this was one of the most difficult decisions of their careers – and I don't expect it will get any easier. As we consider future reductions, it is incumbent upon leaders at all levels to prepare our people now to meet future force shaping boards. We must wisely invest time writing performance appraisals that convey precisely the message we mean to convey. We must actively endorse the right folks for recognition and development opportunities. And we must take personal interest in the welfare of our Air Force by boldly communicating to senior raters our professional judgment about the folks with whom we serve. We clearly are entering a time of great change. We would do well to heed General Creech's advice and redouble efforts to actively prepare those who will follow.

## Encounter

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away from the aircraft and the crowd. When we were alone he asked me my name, how I was doing and where I was from. He wanted to know about my wife and my three small daughters back home and, for about five minutes, took a genuine interest in me and my well being. He finished by telling me how much he admired and appreciated me and all the troops there. Then, looking me in the eye, he told me to be careful and come home soon. With that, he again boarded the ladder, turned and waved.

I composed myself and remembering the instamatic camera in my hand, snapped a quick shot of him just before he disappeared into the aircraft. Soon thereafter the engines started and I marshaled the aircraft out to the runway. As it turned away, I tearfully swelled with pride and saluted. I can not tell you how special his words were to me and the terrific boost to my morale he provided. The whole episode was special, but most significant to me was the aged and obviously exhausted entertainer's words, "I've always got time for you." How easy it would have been for him to yield to his wise and caring wife's urging to board the plane and get some rest before the next stop.



Saudi Arabia currency signed by Bob Hope during his visit to U.S. troops serving in Southwest Asia in December 1990.

Instead, Bob Hope put me, a stranger, before his own needs and desires. With a simple gesture and a few minutes he touched me like no one else has and taught me all I needed to know about service before self. The next time someone, perhaps even a stranger, asks if you have a minute, think twice before answering. I'd like to say I came up with this philosophy all by myself, but I didn't. I learned it from the best.

## NEWS

# DoD works to further reduce military suicides

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Suicide rates within the military are about half those in the civilian military-aged population, but the Defense Department is reaching out to its members to help further reduce the incidence of suicide within the ranks, a top military doctor said. The suicide rate for military members during 2005 was (11 per 100,000), said Dr. David Tornberg, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical and program policy. That compares to about (19.5 per 100,000) the national average for Americans in the 20- to 44-year age group. Experts say this rate may actually be 40 percent or 50 percent higher than reported, Dr. Tornberg said. "We have substantially fewer suicides in the services," he said. Yet the in-depth investigations into every military death and the publicity associated with military suicides often give the American public the opposite impression, he said. In fact, the suicide rate within the military has remained "remarkably steady" over the past decade through peacetime and war, Dr. Tornberg said. While there is no indication that deployments increase the likelihood of suicide, Dr. Tornberg said they add yet another stressor to the troops. "There's a precipitating reason for every suicide," he said. "And in general, it is a response to some life event that has dire consequences to the individual at the time. During high-stress situations such as deployments, relationship, financial and

## SUICIDE RATES

in 2005

(Ages 20-44 years old)

Military Average	11 per 100,000
National Average	19.5 per 100,000

other problems may worsen." DoD has long recognized military service as a high-stress occupation and offers a full array of programs to help servicemembers cope with that stress. "Ours is high-stress work, and we recognize that and have really robust programs in place for addressing this issue," Dr. Tornberg said. "The way we see it, one single loss of life is a problem." The key is making mental health services more available, removing the stigma often associated with seeking care, and teaching troops to recognize when they or a fellow servicemember may need help. Medical screenings that include mental health factors, given before and after deployments, help identify people in distress. During deployments, mental health support teams and chaplains provide support. Unit leaders are trained to recognize telltale signs and steer their troops to the services they need. Servicemembers often form the first line of defense. When they're concerned that a buddy's in trouble, Dr. Tornberg advises the direct approach. "If you see someone undergoing difficulties in this area, ask them if they are considering taking their life

and encourage them to seek counseling and assistance," he said. If that doesn't work, the doctor urges people to go to their unit leaders, chaplains or mental health professionals with their concerns. "If there's a concern about suicide, we encourage them not to keep that confidential until after the fact," he said. Much of DoD's suicide-prevention effort is directed at educating servicemembers to recognize when they need help and where to go to get it. "We strive to train our servicemembers about risk factors for suicide and the warning signs and to encourage them to seek help if they're in a stressful situation," Dr. Tornberg said. Troops returning from deployments go through a reintegration process that includes briefings about difficulties they may encounter reentering society and communicating with their families and friends. They receive warnings about the dangers of abusing alcohol, a factor often associated with suicide. With the wide availability of mental health services, one of DoD's big challenges is getting people to take advantage of them. Although there's less resistance now than in the past to seeking help, "we can't ignore the fact that broadly in society there's still a stigma associated with mental health concerns and seeking help," Dr. Tornberg said. "And we are working actively through our leadership to try to break those barriers down." Those needing help, should contact the life skills support center at 652-2448 or the base chapel at 652-6121.



# Tops in Blue showcase talents Saturday

By Armando Perez  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Tops in Blue “What’s Love?” tour takes center stage for Randolph families Saturday at 8 p.m. outside Hangar 4. Among this year’s performers is San Antonio native Airman 1st Class Geoffrey Stirrup Jr., a vocalist from the 552nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla.

During the show, Airman Stirrup and other performers will sing and dance to a variety of hits by such musical artists as Tina Turner, Huey Lewis, The Temptations, Trisha Yearwood, Celene Dion, Rod Stewart and Kelly Clarkson.

Airman Stirrup will also perform several solos including songs by Barry White and Luther Vandross.

“Music has always been a big part of my life,” he said. “I am really excited about this opportunity Tops in Blue has given me. I’m really looking forward to performing in front of my family and friends.”

Stirrup said all the behind-the-scenes work the cast does to prepare for each show can be very tiresome.

“I’ve been on the road for a month now and it’s definitely not easy,” he said. “But once you take to the stage and see all those smiling faces in the audience it makes it all worth it.”

During the tour, cast and crew members are responsible for unloading, setting up and loading more than 43,000 pounds of equipment before and after each performance.

This year’s Tops in Blue season celebrates more than 50 years of touring tradition as it visits every Air Force base in the United States and those in more than 25 foreign countries. Its tour schedule spans more than 120 locations and includes entertaining forward-deployed troops in Iraq, Qatar, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

“One of the most exciting aspects of being a part of Tops in Blue is seeing the world,” Airman Stirrup said. “In the two years I’ve been in I haven’t traveled outside of the



United States, so it is going to be a lot of fun seeing so many other countries.”

Once the 2006 Tops in Blue tour wraps up, the performers go back to their duty stations and continue serving in their primary Air Force specialties.

The Randolph Tops in Blue performance is sponsored by AT&T, Coca-Cola and Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union.

# Former Randolph NCO earns teaching award

By James Scavino  
Troops to Teachers public relations

Air Force veteran Daniel Leija carries a letter in his wallet reminding him why he’s so needed in his new career as a teacher. It reads:

“Dear Mr. Leija,  
Thank you for letting me learn and never giving up on me. Because of you, I can now believe in myself and now my life is better.”

Those are the words of a former student, one of the many Mr. Leija, an alumnus of the Troops to Teachers program, is molding through his innovative teaching techniques and above-and-beyond dedication.

This past year, the fourth grade teacher at San Antonio’s George Esparza Elementary School was honored with the American Star of Teaching Award, given to just one teacher per state and the District of Columbia.

It’s an honor that’s led to additional leadership opportunities, something Mr. Leija welcomes. He has appeared on a Department of Education television broadcast and was selected by the Texas Education Agency to serve on the Teacher Leadership Council.

He has also been asked to take on more leadership roles at his school, and he will attend two teaching seminars over the summer and work on an instructional Power Point program for his grade level that should be completed before school starts in the fall.

Keeping busy is nothing new to Mr. Leija. In fact, his “retirement” lasted about 48 hours. In August of 2000, his last day as Randolph’s NCOIC for family care and physical therapy clinics was on a Friday. He started his new job as a kindergarten

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Daniel Leija

teacher the following Monday.

“The discipline learned in the military is now paying huge dividends,” Mr. Leija said. “I arrive early and stay late to get the job done and do not shy away from working weekends and holidays in order to meet deadlines. The military member is well grounded in seeing a task through to completion.”

After completing basic training in 1978, Mr. Leija spent three years at Lackland Air Force Base in its pediatrics ward before transferring to Brooks AFB. At Brooks, he received air evacuation training and became an instructor at Pope AFB, N.C.

After working his way up to assistant NCOIC of the standardization and evaluation section, he returned to Brooks AFB, performing various supervisory duties at the base’s medical facilities. In 1997, he received orders to Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, as the flight NCOIC for the primary care, emergency care, mental health and physical therapy units. A year later, he received orders to Randolph AFB for his final tour before retiring.

Mr. Leija’s leadership experience is sorely needed at Esparza, where 96 percent of students come from poor homes and qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. Despite their background, Mr. Leija’s students have excelled through his personally

designed innovative instructional techniques targeted at students struggling in math and reading.

The results have seen his students achieving district goals months ahead of other fourth graders. It’s those innovations that led to the American Star of Teaching Award, an award given for demonstrating the principals of President Bush’s No Child Left Behind school policy.

When the bell rings to end school, Mr. Leija’s day isn’t over. He developed after-school science enrichment programs for students interested in flight aerodynamics and space programs.

“I chose elementary school for one simple reason: the need for male role models at the lower grade levels,” Mr. Leija said. “If you look at Title I elementary schools you will find that a majority of the kids come from single head of household homes. Many of them do not have a male figure in their lives. That’s where people like me come in.”

Troops to Teachers is a Department of Defense and Department of Education cooperative program helping eligible military members begin new careers as public school teachers by providing counseling, information and financial incentives.

For more information on the program, visit [www.ProudtoServe-Again.com](http://www.ProudtoServe-Again.com).

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Enlisted pilots luncheon**

Randolph hosts a luncheon honoring Army Air Corps enlisted pilots June 13 at 11 a.m. in the enlisted club.

As many as two dozen enlisted pilots are planning to attend the luncheon, including retired Brig. Gen. Ed Wengler and muscle car designer Carroll Shelby.

The luncheon is open to the public, but seating is limited. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$12 for all others.

Points of contact for purchasing tickets are: Air Education and Training Command, Master Sgt. Amy Rancier at 652-9182; Air Force Personnel Center, Master Sgt. Christine Rizzo at 565-3614; Air Force Recruiting Service, Master Sgt. Maria Abrego at 565-0609; 12th Flying Training Wing, Master Sgt. Shirley Jones at 652-4376; 19th Air Force and other units, Master Sgt. Jay Ekis at 652-7338.

**Office closures**

- The military personnel flight customer service office closes today at 11 a.m.
- The base housing office closes today from noon to 3 p.m.
- The 12th Comptroller Squadron closes today at 11 a.m. For emergency assistance, call the command post at 652-1859.

**Randolph Chiefs’ meet today**

The Randolph Chiefs’ Group meets today at 3 p.m. in the enlisted club.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. John Osborne at 565-3763.

**Randolph Middle Tier meeting**

The Randolph Middle Tier Association meets June 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the nite club of the enlisted club.

The group is open to staff sergeant selects, staff sergeants and technical sergeants.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice at 652-5760 or Staff Sgt. Trish Plummer at 652-2448.

**Texas veterans benefits briefing**

The Texas Veterans Land Board conducts a special briefing tomorrow in the Judson School District Performing Arts Center, 9443 Schaefer Road in Converse, Texas.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. followed by the briefing at 10 a.m.

The briefing includes information on benefits available to Texas veterans, including home purchase and improvement loans, land purchase, state veterans’ homes and cemeteries.

**Pre-kindergarten registration**

A change in state law passed during the recent special session of the Texas Legislature allows all pre-kindergarten age children of active military members to attend school starting in August.

Parents can register their children through June 15 at the Randolph Elementary School. Enrollment is optional under the state law.

Students must be four years old on or before Sept. 1. There are no longer any language or income eligibility standards.

Policy dictates that the school only accepts students who reside on base.

When registering children, parents must bring a proof of residency, their driver’s license and child’s immunization record, Social Security card and birth certificate.

Pre-kindergarten classes are offered on a half-day basis from 8-11 a.m. or 12:15-3:15 p.m.

For more information, call 357-2345.



# Retiree activities office offers variety of services

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

With thousands of retirees living in the local area, the Randolph Retiree Activities Office tries to help them any way it can.

Staffed with 22 volunteers, the RAO assists customers with everything from registering their vehicles to providing guidance on personal affairs.

"We provide a variety of services to our retirees, their spouses and surviving spouses of retirees," said retired Col. Jim Scarff, retiree activities office director. "On average, we see about 300 customers and answer about 600 phone calls a month."

The office is located in the basement of Pitsenbarger Hall, Building 399, Room B08 and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments are not necessary, but customers should bring their military ID cards when they visit.

Aside from vehicle registration, the office also schedules customers for defensive driving classes and tax preparation assistance; helps them understand their benefits; provides guidance on organizing personal affairs and documentation; and talks with various federal, state and local agencies on the retirees' behalves.

The retiree office also publishes a semi-annual newsletter, which is mailed to about 30,000 retiree families in the South Texas area.

Outside of the office, the RAO staff is involved in various base activities, such as hosting the base's annual Retiree Appreciation Day event.

"We are here to help local retirees in any way we can," said Colonel Scarff. "We encourage anyone who needs assistance to please stop by or give us a call."

For more information, call 652-6880.



Retiree office volunteer Len Zych (right) helps customer Renee Cantrell with paperwork. (Photo by Steve White)

## Awards

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received new equipment at no cost to the club. The club staff received special event training to establish Friday-themed complimentary buffets every week, Ms. Gove said.

As the AETC Services deputy director, Mr. Coalson is responsible for the management and oversight of the Services program at 13 bases throughout the command. With more than 30 years of services experience, Mr. Coalson provides technical direction of all major programs such as the dining facilities, commercial sponsorship and programs involving club members.

"Being named the General Carns Award winner is one of the highlights of my career as it exemplifies the highest standards of leadership, innovation and ingenuity in staffing services issues," he said.

Mr. Coalson cut growing contract costs with dining facilities across AETC by \$55 million, said Colonel Tim Fletcher, AETC director of services. He also coordinated with AETC officials in leading a Crisis Action Team to implement the use of nonappropriated fund employee labor in reconstituting relief efforts at Keesler AFB, Miss., following Hurricane Katrina.

"Mr. Coalson is a multitasking individual with invaluable experience that led AETC Services through challenges over the years,"

said Bill Middleton, AETC manpower and personnel director.

Barbara Wrinkle, AFSA Air Force Libraries Branch chief, is responsible for the direction and technical support to 109 libraries across the Air Force along with global sites supporting more than 350 troops.

"Her vast knowledge and professional expertise contribute greatly to the success of Air Force libraries, which earned her the Federal Librarian of the Year award for 2005," said Col. Melissa Kallet, AFSA programs director in Ms. Wrinkle's nomination package.

"I was overwhelmed about receiving the award," said Ms. Wrinkle. "My dedication in providing the best possible information services to military personnel and their families around the world has been rewarding to me for more than 35 years."

Ms. Wrinkle's leadership said her award is well deserved.

"She is a top performer in all areas of her work and is a dedicated professional, a strong library advocate, a knowledgeable mentor, and an outstanding leader," said Darold Carpenter, AFSA community programs chief. "Her diligence and competence are second to none, and her contributions to the Air Force Library and Information System are noteworthy. She is most deserving of this prestigious award."

Mr. Coalson, Ms. Wrinkle and the Randolph Enlisted Club will be officially recognized at the Air Force Services worldwide conference June 11-14 in Keystone, Colo.



### 1st Lt. Billy Graham



**Unit:** Air Force Services Agency

**Duty Title:** Lodging staff officer

**Hometown:** Saulsbury, Tenn.

**Hobbies:** Collecting sports memorabilia and following my favorite teams

**Goals:** To be the best husband and dad I can be; and learn from every job and experience to make myself better

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Getting my college degree

**Personal Inspiration:** My family

**Personal Motto:** "A positive attitude is a little thing that makes a huge difference."

**Pet Peeve:** People who aren't on time

**Leader's Comments:** Lieutenant Graham led the standardization charge by coordinating with the major commands to redefine the room items throughout Air Force lodging worldwide properties. He provided pre-inspection for 25 programs, which ultimately resulted in those sections receiving "Excellent" ratings on the unit compliance inspection. Also, he revamped three special-interest programs, which landed him the "superior performer" award by the unit compliance inspection team. Lieutenant Graham was selected as the 2004 Headquarters Air Force Services Agency Company Grade Officer of the Year. He's poised, eager and hard working; exemplifies our core values; and tackles all duties with zeal!

**Lt. Col. Kerri Cole**  
Air Force Lodging Branch chief

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio at [elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil](mailto:elizabeth.delvecchio@randolph.af.mil) or call her at 652-5760 for details.

# New technology to give Air Force edge on battlefield

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – At this moment, above Iraq and Afghanistan, American data sensors are collecting information and intelligence about what is happening on the ground.

What happens to the data depends largely on a sensor's owner and its mission. The data could be reviewed immediately, or it could be stored for later use. What is for sure is that terabytes of information, wherever they come from, often go unused – left on a secure hard drive until they are no longer relevant to anyone.

The Air Force is now engaged in an experiment to take that data and make use of it the moment it comes off sensors. During the Northern Edge exercise this month in Alaska, the Air Force will test a system that does just that: the Global Net Centric Surveillance and Targeting system.

Data from sources such as unmanned aerial vehicles, the E-8C Joint Stars, RC-135 Rivet Joint, electro-optical sensors, synthetic aperture radar sensors, signals intelligence sensors and others are all likely candidates to be fed into GNCST.

Called "Gun Coast" by those involved with the project, the system can take near real-time information from a nearly unlimited set of data sensors and process it into useable information for the warfighter, said Maj. Gen. Gregory H. Power, Air Force director of operations and support integration.

"With GNCST, a lot of platforms and capabilities will be fusing their data into one single funnel and GNCST is at the bottom of the funnel," he said. "It takes all that information in, and through algorithms, is able to digest and disseminate very quickly and

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Maj. Gen. Gregory Powers  
*Air Force director of operations and support integration*

very accurately, the position of something like a (surface-to-air missile) site."

The system uses a Web-based interface on a secured computer network. An end user might access the system and ask it to locate surface-to-air missiles that appeared in a specific region within the last 45 minutes. The GNCST system would then respond, in as little as a few seconds, with target coordinates for those SAMs.

That type of responsiveness and accuracy would be of great use to pilots, General Power said.

"If we had a sortie that was going to attack a target, GNCST might identify a mobile SAM system that had moved into the area as the aircraft took off," General Power said.

"Of course, the pilot would not know about that," he said. "But by having GNCST and being able to digest that data – getting it accurately and fast – that data would be available for the air operations center to pass to the pilot. This really is a kind of life-saving technology that, once fully developed, is really going to give us an edge on the battlefield."

The Air Force processes much of its intelligence information by using manpower. But, humans who

process intelligence information cannot work as fast or process as much data as the machines.

"A human being processing the data we are talking about here, it could take in some cases days, sometimes even weeks," General Power said. "This machine-to-machine interface we will have with GNCST will allow us to do it in seconds, minutes at most. And the timeliness and accuracy of the information is the value we bring to the warfighter."

The GNCST system was developed primarily to locate SAM sites, but it can be modified to find any number of potential threats, from Scud missiles to tanks. Complex computer algorithms allow the system to look at nearly any kind of raw sensor data and locate threats.

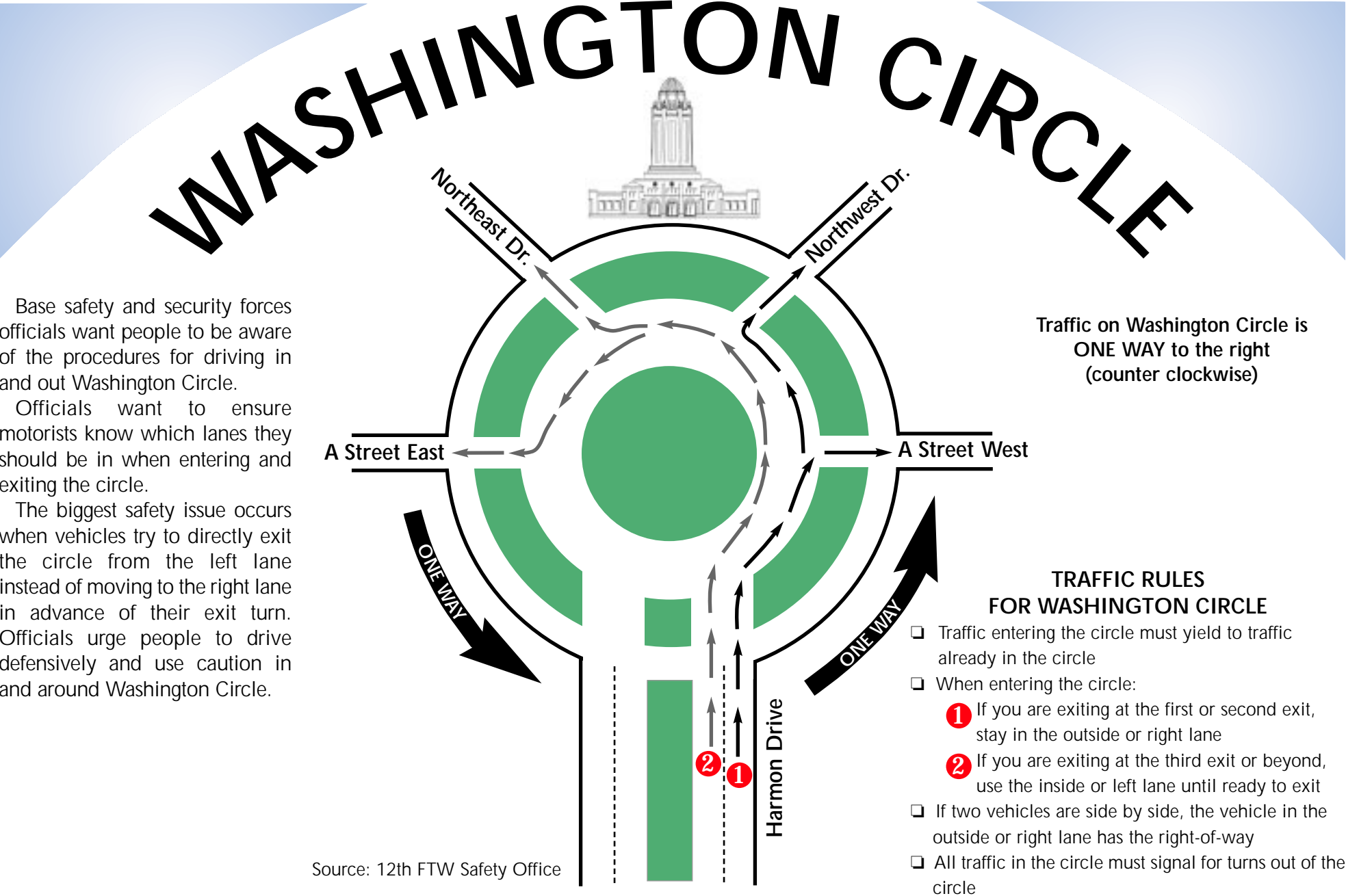
One concern with allowing a computer to pick a target is the fear of removing the "human element" from the kill chain. In the Air Force command and control community, "kill chain" refers to the series of events leading from identification of a potential target to the ultimate destruction or "kill" of that target. The target could be a building, cave, convoy or communications tower.

While the kill chain can be shortened through the use of computers, at the end, there is always a human who makes the final decision to employ force, General Power said.

"Just like in any execution decision, there will be rules of engagement on scenarios," General Power said. "Once the concept of operations is developed, there will be certain checks and balances in it. The final element is the executing human being – the pilot on the sortie – at the end of the kill chain who will have the final say on if they drop on the target."

Development of the GNCST system is spearheaded by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

## Keeping things straight in





# Housing office enforces landscape, flag rules

*Residents reminded to bag leaves, keep yards clean, display U.S. flags properly*

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

As the "Showplace of the Air Force," Randolph Air Force Base has made a prominent name for itself over the years through its appearance. That reputation is partially dependent on the hundreds of families who live on the installation. It is the responsibility of all housing residents to make sure their homes and yards are clean, clutter-free and appealing, said housing office officials. "We have very nice housing areas on base and want to keep them in the best condition possible," said Tina Gumbs of the housing office. One of the biggest concerns in housing is leaves and debris being blown into the street or swept into the gutters, Ms. Gumbs said. "The leaves end up clogging the gutter, so when it rains, flooding can occur," she said. "Occupants should rake their leaves and bag them properly, so they don't become a problem." Street sweepers won't pick up leaves blown into the street. Base residents should also be sure to pick up after themselves in their yards each day, said Ms. Gumbs.

"Yards shouldn't have a cluttered appearance," she said. "Grass and foliage should be kept neatly trimmed." With Flag Day and the Fourth of July coming up soon, more residents will be flying American flags outside their homes to show patriotism. While this is encouraged in base housing, there are guidelines residents should remember to follow, Ms. Gumbs said. In accordance with the U.S. Code, the United States flag should be displayed from a pole projecting horizontally or at an angle from the doorway of the main entrance of the house. It should be hanging from the observer's left upon entering the doorway. The union of the flag, which is the blue area with the stars, should be placed at the peak of the pole unless the pole is at half-staff. "The flag can be displayed 24 hours a day if it is properly illuminated," Ms. Gumbs said. "A street light or porch light can be used only if the stripes can be seen properly." When the flag becomes worn, frayed, torn or faded, it should be removed and destroyed in a dignified way, Ms. Gumbs said. Flags can be turned into one of the local Boy Scout chapters or the housing office facilities section for proper disposal. The standard size of a flag in housing should be 3 feet tall and 5 feet wide. A BXtra voucher for flags and poles for use in housing can be picked up at the self-help center located in Hangar 62. For more information, call the housing office at 652-3334.



Staff Sgt. Lopenia Williams keeps the yard neat in front of her home on base. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

# FSC offers free tour of San Antonio sights

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

The family support center offers Randolph newcomers a first-hand look at downtown San Antonio through a free monthly guided tour of the city. The next tour is June 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes shopping, historic site visits and lunch. "The tour is a wonderful way to see the sights and learn how to navigate through San Antonio, while meeting others and possibly making life-long friends," said Ellen Waters, relocation assistance program manager. "It's a stress-free method of learning about their new hometown, and it leaves them with a positive impression." During the tour, participants visit such historic sites as the Alamo, Mission San Jose, Guenther House, Pioneer Flour Mill, Riverwalk and El Mercado. The group also stops for lunch and shopping opportunities along the way.

"When attendees walk out of the theater at Mission San Jose they have a much deeper understanding of the history of San Antonio and its people," said Ms. Waters. "I love to see the reactions of those people who have lived here for a while as they begin to understand why things are the way they are today." Up to 25 people can participate in a tour. Ms. Waters stressed this is not just a windshield tour as attendees get off the bus and visit the sites. "This is a great chance for people to get involved in the excitement of San Antonio without the hassle of driving downtown," she said. While the tour is free, participants should bring money for lunch and shopping. The tour is open to all Randolph members and their families. The family support center provides free childcare through the family day care program to those who pre-register by June 26. "I encourage those who are new to San Antonio and those who have been



The historic Alamo is one of the destinations people will visit while on the San Antonio Tour. (Photo by Steve White)

here a while to take the tour and learn about a great city," Ms. Waters said. She added the family support center is also looking for people on base who are knowledgeable about the San Antonio area to volunteer as tour escorts. The FSC provides training for those interested. To sign up for the tour or to be an escort, call 652-3060.

# Medical experts share stroke signs, risk factors

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Strokes are the third leading cause of death in America and the number one cause of disabilities in adults, said National Stroke Association officials. The good news is 80 percent of strokes are preventable, said the NSA. When a person suffers a stroke, the normal blood flow to their brain stops, said Lt. Col. Matthew Peters, family medicine physician. "A stroke can occur if a blood vessel becomes clogged or bursts," Colonel Peters said. "When this happens, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs. That's why it's important to know the signs of a stroke and get medical attention immediately." A variety of symptoms can be experienced during a stroke, he said. They can include numbness on one side of the body, severe headache, dizziness, loss of balance, trouble talking, trouble understanding what people are saying or trouble seeing. The NSA encourages people to remember the acronym FAST, which stands for face, arms, speech

**KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS**

If you or someone else may be having a stroke, know the signs and act FAST –

- **Face** – Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- **Arms** – Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **Speech** – Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are their words slurred and can they repeat the sentence correctly?
- **Time** – If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital immediately.

(Courtesy of the National Stroke Council)

and time, in the instance they think someone may be suffering from a stroke. First, ask the person to smile to see if one side of their face droops. Then ask the person to raise both arms to see if one arm drifts down. Lastly, ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. If their words are slurred, their face droops and their arm drifts down, these are all

signs of a stroke. Someone should call for emergency medical help immediately. Colonel Peters added that while serious, suffering a stroke doesn't necessarily mean fatality. In fact, nearly five million people in the United States are stroke survivors, according the NSA. Some people are more at risk to suffer from a stroke than others. Some of the risk factors for a stroke include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease and diabetes, said NSA officials. Certain lifestyle choices can also boost a person's chances of suffering from a stroke. These choices include smoking, drinking more than two alcoholic beverages a day and obesity. "People can help prevent the likelihood of a stroke, by taking certain measures to take care of their health," Colonel Peters said. People should avoid foods high in fat or cholesterol and watch their salt intake. Diet and exercise are also important to preventing strokes. People should also limit the amount of alcoholic beverages they drink and not smoke. For more information, visit [www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org) or call 652-4373.





# Changes in the Air

## When it comes to Texas weather, prepare for all possibilities

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio  
Wingspread Staff Writer

Hurricane season started Thursday and will run through Nov. Randolph families are encouraged to prepare themselves for the possibility of severe weather.

Developing a response plan, preparing a disaster supply kit and keeping informed of the risks in the local area are some of the things families can do to prepare, said base safety officials.

Capt. Wendy Seaman, 12th Operations Support Squadron weather flight commander, said the primary hurricane threat in South Central Texas is from the storm’s feeder bands, or individual thunderstorm bands that branch out from the center of a hurricane. The effects of a tropical system may be felt for hundreds of miles from the center of the storm. Some of the storms in the feeder bands can be severe, producing damaging winds and heavy rain.

Another possible threat is from tornadoes, she said. Severe storms can spawn tornadoes with little warning.

Tropical systems have also been known to produce heavy amounts of rain in a short time which could result in flooding, said Captain Seaman.

“Preparing yourself and your family to deal with emergency situations is essential in increasing your chances of survival,” said Matthew Generally, emergency management program manager. “A little time invested in developing a written plan or checklist and establishing an emergency kit will greatly improve your response time to a situation.”

When planning for tornados, families should pick a place where they can gather if a tornado is predicted. Basements are ideal, but if there is no basement in the household, identify a center hallway, bathroom or closet with no windows. Try to go to the lowest level of the house and keep the designated area free of clutter.

“It’s important to discuss and role play some of the

actions your family may take in response to severe weather,” said Mr. Generally. “This will help them feel more comfortable with the responsibilities they are assigned.”

Flooding may call for evacuation at a moment’s notice, which makes a plan of action very important. When flooding is predicted, families should move furniture and valuables to higher floors of the house and fill the gas tank of their vehicle in case of evacuation.

People should also consider getting insurance, if they don’t already have it, to help reduce the costs of damage in the case of a flood.

According to a National Hurricane Center Web site, flood damage may not be covered by homeowners insurance so it is a good idea to check the policy.

If severe weather hits and evacuation is imminent, a disaster supply kit can save time, said Mr. Generally.

Some items to put into the supply kit include water, non-perishable food for three to seven days, blankets and pillows, clothing and toiletries. These items are often found scattered around any household, but need to be put into a centralized location, he said.

If families are familiar with local severe weather risks, they are more likely to recognize the signs of potential risks and react more efficiently.

“It’s important for families to pay attention to notice given through the base, National Weather Service or local media outlets during severe weather events,” said Captain Seaman. “Any weather watches and warnings for Randolph are issued by the base weather flight and are disseminated to key units on the base.”

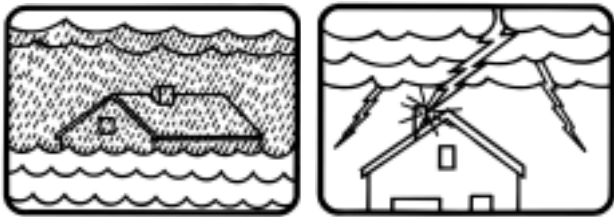
Base residents can get severe weather information via channel 21, the Commander’s Access Channel.

For severe weather information in South Central Texas, including current watches and warnings for the area, people can go to the National Weather Service Web site [www.srh.noaa.gov/ewx/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ewx/).



## DISASTER SUPPLY CHECKLIST

- ✓ **WATER** - at least 1 gallon per day per person
- ✓ **FOOD** - enough non-perishable food for 3-7 days
- ✓ **BEDDING** - sleeping bags, pillows, blankets
- ✓ **CLOTHING** - season appropriate, rain gear, sturdy shoes
- ✓ **FIRST AID KIT** - with medicines and prescriptions
- ✓ **PERSONAL HYGIENE** - soap, towels, toothpaste, etc.
- ✓ **FLASHLIGHT** - extra batteries
- ✓ **RADIO** - battery operated, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio
- ✓ **PETS** - carriers with food and water
- ✓ **CASH** - Banks and ATMs may be inaccessible
- ✓ **KEYS** - to home and vehicles
- ✓ **IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS** - insurance, bank and medical records, Social Security card, all in a watertight container or bag
- ✓ **TOYS, BOOKS, GAMES**



## HURRICANE CONDITIONS

A hurricane condition or HURCON is used to advise the base community of the timeline expected for destructive winds.

### HURCON 1:

- Destructive winds of 50 knots or higher are possible within 12 hours

### HURCON 2:

- Destructive winds of 50 knots or higher are possible within 12-24 hours

### HURCON 3:

- Destructive winds of 50 knots or higher are possible within 24-48 hours

### HURCON 4:

- Destructive winds of 50 knots or higher are possible within 48-72 hours



Staff Sgt. Juan Orozco, 12th Operations Support Squadron weather flight, checks for severe weather updates Thursday at the weather office. (Photo by Steve White)



# Testing can shorten path to degree

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio  
Wingspread staff writer

He has a wife and four kids, late nights at work and a busy schedule. He didn't have time to sit in a classroom, but with a little self motivation and discipline, Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Jamison fulfilled his goal of earning a bachelor's degree, even if it was in a less conventional way.

Sergeant Jamison, Air Education and Training Command loadmaster functional manager, earned his degree in psychology without stepping foot in a classroom. He earned all of his credits by self-study and passing college accredited examinations at the education center.

"A lot of people don't know these exams are available," said Sergeant Jamison. "The education center has every possible resource you need to get a degree, but people don't take advantage of it."

The Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support is an umbrella organization that gives support to all military services. Part of the DANTES program is providing testing services and reference materials to education centers, said Jim Morris, education center counselor.

The College Level Education Programs, DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and certificate training available in the testing center

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Air Education and Training Command  
loadmaster functional manager



are all funded by DANTES. CLEP general and subject examinations are accepted for credit by more than 2,900 colleges and universities, said Ms. Morris.

"Many colleges accept up to 30 hours of credit earned through testing, but students should always check with their college to determine whether or not they will offer credit through testing," she said.

While the DANTES testing programs offer a fast and easy way to earn credit for classes, Sergeant Jamison said he was concerned with learning all he could from the examinations.

"It's not about just getting the credit for the course," he said. "I wanted to do the best I could in these classes."

The sergeant said it is important to want to learn when earning a degree through testing programs.

"This method is completely based on self motivation and determination," he said. When it came time to test, Sergeant Jamison would get the course outline from the education center and used the base library or other methods to find textbooks.

From there he had to teach himself the material.

Sergeant Jamison said his goal was to learn the material for application, not just to pass the test.

"I don't want people to think this was an easy thing to do," he said. "There is no teacher. You are the teacher and the student."

Sergeant Jamison said studying for these tests also helped him when it came to testing for promotion.

"When it comes time for promotion testing, I just switch my study material," he said. "I already have my

habits in place, so instead of picking up a text book, I pick up the Promotion Fitness Examination book."

Sergeant Jamison's educational path and study habits have also influenced those people around him. He motivated one friend to finish his own degree.

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Charles Schwab, who held Sergeant Jamison's position prior to retiring, decided to try out the testing methods in order to finish his degree.

"I realized with my timeline for retirement I couldn't get my degree by sitting in a classroom," said Mr. Schwab. "By using the classes I had taken before along with the examinations, I was able to finish before I retired."

The quickest way to earn a college degree is to include testing as a part of an overall academic program, said Ms. Morris.

After all is said and done, Sergeant Jamison hopes to motivate others to check out what resources are available and to take advantage of them.

"The bottom line is that we are all busy, but if I can do it, anyone can," he said. "I just took the excuses away from myself."

Testing sessions are available at the education center Monday and Wednesday by appointment. For more information on participating colleges and universities, visit <http://www.get-collegecredit.com> or call the education center 652-5964.

# Safety first: Officials refresh bicyclists on base rules of the road

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Every year, more than 170,000 children go to the emergency room because of accidental injuries suffered while riding bicycles, according to the Kids Health Web site.

Some of the injuries, mostly head injuries, are so severe that children die from them.

For this reason, bicyclists are required to wear helmets while riding on Randolph, said base safety officials.

"It's important to wear a helmet because it's the only way to protect your head in the event of a crash," said Staff Sgt. Jeff Linville of the 12th Flying Training Wing safety office.

In order to be effective, helmets should be the correct size, worn level and cover the wearer's forehead with the straps fastened and snug. Helmets should not be worn over a hat.

"If an accident does happen, and the helmet is damaged, the bicyclist should buy

a new one," Sergeant Linville said. "A damaged helmet won't offer the necessary protection."

In addition to a helmet, bicyclists are encouraged to wear bright colored clothing and put reflectors on their bikes to make them more visible to drivers, especially at night.

Bicyclists are also reminded that wearing headphones while riding on base is prohibited, as it hinders a person's ability to hear possible hazards.

Base safety officials ask drivers to also take extra caution, especially when driving through housing as more children are out riding their bikes during the summer months.

"A good rule for bicyclists to remember is if they can't see the driver's eyes, the driver more than likely can't see them," said Sergeant Linville. "Safety is everyone's responsibility and we just ask that everyone be safe this summer."

For more bicycle safety tips, visit the Web site [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org).



Victoria Drumming and Jake Owen put their helmets on before they ride their bikes on base. (Photo by Steve White)



# AETC advances in volleyball playoffs

By Staff Sgt Beth Del Vecchio  
Wingspread Staff Writer

Air Education and Training Command sent the Air Force Personnel Center to the consolation bracket in the first round of the intramural volleyball championships Tuesday night at the fitness center.

AETC defeated the 12th Medical Group by 25-15 and 25-7 in their first match of the night, and went on to beat AFPC for a spot in the winner's bracket.

AETC's Nick Lopez led the team with 17 points scored including two kills. Coach Greg Beaulieu had seven kills and Chris Miranda had five.

"I'm glad our team was able to carry the momentum we gained during the regular season into the playoffs," said Beaulieu. "We owe our success to good communication on the floor and, like I always tell my team, it all starts with a good pass to the setter."

AETC started off with a good pass to their star server, Lopez, who served up eight points for his team as the second server in the game. A block by AETC's front row went out of bounds to give the ball to AFPC.

AFPC's Beth Peters served two points for her team, but a kill from Miranda put the ball back into AETC's hands.

A battle for the ball began after a serve from Miranda was shattered by a kill from AFPC's Mike Lopez.

Each team fought good serves from their opponents with saves, returns and kills from AFPC's Jim Layman and AETC's Beaulieu and Lopez.

With a score of 14-7, AETC's John Palomo served up four points to keep his team ahead, but was stopped short by a kill to an empty corner by AFPC's Layman.

Layman went on to serve five points until AETC's Ryan Lee



Darren Zabawczuk, Air Force Personnel Center, jumps to block a kill by Chris Miranda, Air Education and Training Command, during Tuesday night's intramural volleyball playoffs. (Photo by Steve White)

slipped a ball past a block to start a six-three run by AETC.

A kill by AETC's Lopez gave the team a game one victory with a score of 25-16.

Game two started with the same momentum as the first with AETC's Lopez serving five points.

Peters got AFPC into the game with two points but two kills by Miranda and one by Beaulieu kept AETC on top.

Peters and Chez Vixama brought AFPC within five points of AETC at 5-10, but couldn't close the gap further.

With a score of 24-13, AFPC's

Darren Zabawczuk and Layman blocked two kill attempts by Lopez to gain two last minute points before AETC's Billee Juarez set the ball behind her for a surprise kill by Beaulieu for the game point, ending the game with a score of 25-15.

AETC advanced to the winners bracket finals Wednesday night and lost against 12th Mission Support Squadron.

AFPC went on to play AETC Security Assistance Squadron in the consolation bracket.

The finals take place June 6 at 6:50 p.m. at the fitness center.

## Fit to Fight



The "Fit to Fight" column recognizes Team Randolph members who achieve an "excellent" rating on the Air Force Fitness Test.

**Air Education and Training Command Security Assistance Squadron**

Lonnie Bishop  
Yvette Leonard  
Angela Gamache  
Jason Gastelum

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Lap swimming

The south pool offers lap swimming Monday through Friday from 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

For more information, call 652-2053.

### Water aerobics

The center pool offers free water aerobics classes Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

For more information, call 652-5316.

### Swimming lessons

Parents can register their children ages 6 weeks and older for swimming lessons starting Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the information, tickets and travel office, Building 897.

The cost is \$25 per session for season pass holders and \$50 per session for all others. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 8-11 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. for two weeks or Saturday from 8-11 a.m. for eight weeks at the south pool.

For more information, call 652-6508.

### Push-up competition

The fitness center holds a push-up competition June 12 from 7-8:30 a.m. Contestants have one minute to do as many push-ups as possible.

The event is free and open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders age 16 and older. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

### Mini biathlon

The fitness center hosts a mini biathlon June 17 at 8 a.m. at Eberle Park. The event consists of a 5-kilometer run and a 10-mile bike ride.

Competitors will be divided into six categories based on gender and age. The first 50 people to register receive a water bottle.

To register, call Refia Grant or Rikk Prado at 652-2955.

### Children's golf clinic

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers a children's golf clinic June 19-23 from 8-9:45 a.m. The cost is \$99 for children without golf clubs and \$50 for those who bring their own. Those interested must register by June 9.

For more information, call 652-4653.

### Link up to Golf

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers Link Up to Golf, a PGA program for beginner adult golfers. Charles Bishop, a PGA teaching professional, conducts the program.

For more information, call Mr. Bishop at 652-4653.

## Back in the swing



Anthony Garcia, Air Education and Training Command Computer Systems Squadron, hits a ball during softball practice recently. The Randolph intramural softball preseason kicks off Monday and the extramural coed league preseason starts June 9. (Photo by Steve White)